

Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

Agriculture

PLUMMER RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Studies Watershed Conditions in San Jacinto National Forest.

Fred G. Plummer, geographer, Forest Service, has returned from California, where he was engaged in official duties about six weeks. Mr. Plummer was charged with the duty of determining how watersheds could best be protected to insure a proper water supply for fifteen reservoirs already constructed and to be constructed in the San Jacinto National Forest.

Miss Rosie Barnett Blankman, of the Bureau of Statistics, died suddenly at her residence, 122 Sixth street northwest on Wednesday.

G. B. Bruce and Eugene S. Bruce, of the Forest Service, have returned from a hunting trip to Fletcher, N. C.

Miss V. E. Johnson, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was in Virginia last week for several days, having been called there by the illness of a friend.

W. H. Dexter, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was on a sick leave several days last week.

C. O. Wilhite, of the office of the Secretary, will return to duty tomorrow from a vacation trip to Crawfordsville and other points in Indiana.

Raymond J. Auguster, department electrician, is on a leave of absence for the remainder of the year.

Miss Anna Montgomery, of the disbursing office, is on a vacation till the first of the year.

Mrs. S. E. Jenkins, of the Bureau of Statistics, returned to her desk Thursday after a week's illness.

Mrs. F. P. Hardenstein, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who met with a severe accident, was able to leave

the hospital last week, and has gone to New York to recuperate. She will be away until the first of the year.

George M. Whittaker, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, left yesterday for a business trip to a number of Southern States.

A. S. Peck, of the office of forest extension, Forest Service, left yesterday for Batavia, N. Y., where he will be on a vacation during the holidays.

Miss Mary E. Hartman, of Indianapolis, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Bureau of Chemistry. She reported for duty Thursday. Miss Hartman was a stenographer in the office of the Associated Press, at Indianapolis.

Miss Mary F. Proctor, of the Bureau of Chemistry, is taking the remainder of her annual leave.

A. J. Wedderburn, of Alexandria, has been appointed special agent in the Bureau of Chemistry for a temporary period.

J. C. Weld, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, returned to the department last week from the Jamestown Exposition, where he had charge of the dairy exhibit of the department.

B. H. Rawl, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, left last week for a number of points in Tennessee and Indiana, where he will make talks to students in agricultural colleges.

R. E. Smith, of the Bureau of Statistics, left Friday night for a trip down the Potomac to see the fleet start in its long cruise.

C. E. Gray, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has been on a sick leave several days last week.

C. B. Lane, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, is out of the city on an official trip.

B. D. White, of the dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has gone West to deliver a number of addresses at dairy meetings. He will return to Washington on Christmas Day.

P. H. Walker, of the Bureau of Chemistry, has gone to his home in Alabama to spend the holidays.

The following employees of the Bureau of Chemistry are taking short vacations: C. C. McDonnell, C. S. Church, M. N. Straght, and C. F. Sammett.

Joseph F. Chamberlain has been detailed from the printing division to the printing division in place of Henry W. Petty, who is on a vacation.

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Commerce & Labor

SARGENT AT WORK SINCE RECOVERY

T. V. Powderly, of Immigration Bureau, in New York City.

Commissioner General of Immigration Frank P. Sargent, whose recent illness alarmed his friends, is out again and is spending part of each day at his desk at the department. He is slowly recovering his strength. Mr. Sargent is a hard worker and remains close to his official duties, a fact that is thought to have been primarily responsible for his breakdown.

T. V. Powderly, chief of the division of Information of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, is spending several days in New York City in connection with the work of his division.

Roland R. Dennis, of New York, has been appointed special agent to investigate trade conditions abroad at a compensation of \$10 per diem. He will work under the direction of the Bureau of Manufactures.

Harry L. Heller, clerk in the Bureau of Manufactures, has resigned his position with the Bureau of Insular Affairs. He left yesterday for his new post.

John C. Ballou, of the Bureau of Corporations, returned to his office last week after an illness of about ten days.

Dr. C. H. Dewey, of the office of the disbursing clerk, was away from office last week for the purpose of taking the Maryland State board medical examination at Baltimore.

F. H. Larned, assistant commissioner general of immigration, was on a vacation for several days during the past week.

John J. Heberle, of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, was on a vacation last week, and spent the time taking a rest at his home in this city.

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Postoffice

MEN IN DEMAND, SAYS A. H. STEVENS

Believes Civil Service Examinations Should Be Held Oftener.

Superintendent A. H. Stevens, of the eighth division of the railway mail service, which takes in the Pacific coast, was at the department the past week consulting with Superintendent Grant and other officials in regard to office matters.

Mr. Stevens reports business in good shape on the coast. He says that the postal service is experiencing great difficulty to get enough good men on account of the high prices paid in other lines. It is proposed to remedy the shortage by having the Civil Service Commission hold examinations at more frequent periods, and at additional places, so the applicants will not be required to travel long distances for examination.

Superintendent Bradley, of the New York division of the railway mail service, was in Washington Tuesday to take up with the officials at the department several matters of importance.

Miss Katie Vollmer, of the office of the auditor for the department, has been granted leave until the first of the year, and will spend the time with her sister in New York.

Miss E. R. Peachy, of the dead-letter division, has returned from her annual vacation.

Miss E. B. McCord, of the dead letter division, has been granted leave for the remainder of the year.

T. L. Degan, clerk in charge of the returning branch, dead letter division, will be on a vacation this week to interview Santa Claus.

Miss Marie Lawshe, daughter of the Third Assistant Postmaster General,

who is attending school at Hollins Institute, Hollins, Va., will arrive this week to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss A. E. Pollard, office of the auditor for the department, is on vacation for the remainder of the year.

C. B. Sullivan, of the division of contracts, is on vacation for three weeks.

S. H. Thornburg, of the division of inspection, leaves tomorrow for a year-end vacation.

A. C. Crook, division of railway mail service, is taking leave to nurse a troublesome boil.

Mrs. M. M. Armer, of the dead letter division, is on vacation for two weeks.

Joseph Hogan, of the supply division, is on a leave of absence for several days.

T. C. Sullivan, of the supply division, is taking the remainder of his annual leave.

G. Bandel, of the division of railway adjustment, has been granted leave for the remainder of the year.

H. C. Menaugh, of the office of the auditor for the department, is on vacation for two weeks, and will spend the time with relatives and friends at his old home in Pennsylvania.

Miss E. M. Chapin, of the office of the auditor for the department, is taking three weeks' leave of absence.

S. E. Gough, of the office of the auditor for the department, is spending three weeks at his old home in New Jersey.

George S. Paul, appointment clerk, was on a vacation several days last week.

S. J. Tavenner, office of the auditor for the department, will be on a leave of absence till the first of the year.

Auditor Timme left Washington yesterday for his home at Kenosha, Wis., to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Timme will return here December 27 to wait until his successor is named by the President.

District Building

Commissioner West, who, before he became Commissioner, was actively engaged in newspaper work, has, since he entered upon the duties of his office, met many public men with whom he was associated in a professional way while the representative of a local paper. One of these was Governor Johnson of Minnesota, himself a former newspaper man, and to whom the Commissioner was introduced at the Bryan banquet at which the latter presided.

After the introduction Governor Johnson called to mind a meeting many years ago in the rooms of the old Press Club of Washington when both were in the newspaper game and aspiring only to obtain for their respective papers exclusive and interesting stories of the world's affairs. The Commissioner did not recall having met the governor and cites the latter's memory of the incident as an instance of the wonderful faculty possessed by some men of remembering faces.

Captain Morrow Tricked Into Making a Speech

Engineer Commissioner Morrow, as any his colleagues, is frequently called upon to address a public meeting, but usually such invitations are declined upon the plea of the pressure of important business. Upon the promise that he would not be called upon to make a speech the captain was prevailed upon recently to attend a citizens' association meeting and it was there revealed to him that he was expected to address the assembled residents and taxpayers. The Commissioner spoke in a manner to convey to them that reasonable requests for appropriations for their section would be given careful consideration, adding, however, that some of the petitions from associations were such as to bring a smile to the face of the Commissioner.

Exception to the latter statement has been taken by certain citizens' associations, but the captain stands pat on the original proposition, and says that when called upon to address such organizations he will expound the truth along similar lines.

Poetic Microbe Infects Dr. William Tindall

When Prof. Clifford Howard resigned from the executive office, Dr. William Tindall moved his desk to the corner of the room formerly occupied by the professor without taking into consideration the danger of infection from the poetic virus with which the latter had saturated that locality. He did not long escape infection, as some creditable lines which have appeared in The Times attest.

The following verses indicate, however, that his most recent attack has been unusually severe. The latest gem from the doctor's pen is termed by him "The Vanity of Caste," and is as follows:

Personal Notes.

Assessor E. W. W. Griffin, who has been suffering from a cold, is rapidly recovering and is expected to return to his desk this week.

A. B. Black, of the sewer division, has returned from a hunting trip in the vicinity of Rome, Ga. Mr. Black reports an abundance of game in that section.

C. R. Unger, of the tax collector's office, is contemplating a two weeks' visit to his home in Maryland.

A. R. Gonegal, of the plumbing division, is spending a two weeks' vacation in New York City.

F. M. Hodgson, of the engineer department, is visiting his former home, Athens, Ga.

W. M. Barton, of the surface division, will leave this week for a two weeks' visit to Virginia.

C. M. Towers, cashier of the tax collector's office, is expected to return to his office this week.

Clifford Lanham, of the Parking Commission, will be absent from his office during the latter part of the month.

C. W. Collins, assistant collector of taxes, is taking a few days' leave.

For months I had great trouble with my stomach and used all kinds of medicines. My tongue has been actually as green as grass. My breath has been bad. Two weeks ago a friend recommended Cascarets and after using them I can tell you that they have entirely cured me. I therefore let my friends know that I can recommend them to any one suffering from such troubles. Chas. H. Halpern, 115 E. 10th St., New York, N. Y.

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Census Bureau

CLERKS NOW TAKE ANNUAL VACATIONS

Press of Work During Summer Postponed Holidays Until Winter.

A large percentage of the employees of the Census Bureau are now taking their vacations. The work on the Official Register and the numerous investigations with which the office has been busy during the late summer served to curtail the vacation period, and the clerks are now taking advantage of the lull to get their annual leave.

The second volume of the Official Register—the postal volume—is about ready to be sent to press, and will soon be ready for distribution. The second volume, like the first, has been greatly reduced in size, and will contain this year about 750 pages.

The following promotions have been announced: Henry F. Starkweather, Roy Reynolds, Mrs. A. M. Freeman, to \$1,000 per annum; Miss Marie V. Stuart, and Miss Mabel Dorris, to \$1,200 per annum.

Stewart F. Benson has been appointed clerk at \$1,000 per annum and assigned to the office of the Chief Clerk.

John A. Boshard, clerk at \$1,200 per annum, has resigned his position, in view of a transfer to the Bureau of Labor.

Miss Alice L. Crane, of New Mexico, has been appointed to a clerkship at \$900 per annum.

Morris J. Hole, who has been stationed at Schenectady, N. Y., on field

duty, has been assigned to Woonsocket, R. I., for similar work.

Daniel A. Dunning, of the disbursing office, will be on "intermittent" leave until the first of the year.

Michael E. McGinley, who has been doing field work at Harrisburg, Pa., has been granted leave of absence until the first of the year. He will spend the time at his home, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Miss Frances A. Bibby, of the chief clerk's office, left Wednesday for her home at Charleston, W. Va., to spend the holiday season.

Robert M. Estes, of the agriculture division, returned Tuesday from White Plains, N. Y., where he was on field duty for several months. He will be on vacation until the first of the year.

Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics, has been authorized to visit Chicago, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio, to attend conferences of committees of American Medical Association.

Martin L. Carter, who has been working on criminal judicial statistics in Georgia, has been transferred to North Carolina.

Miss Emma Duke has tendered her resignation in order to take a position with the Bureau of Labor.

Henry Farquhar has been promoted from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per annum.

M. Carl Judd, of North Carolina, has been appointed clerk at \$1,000 per annum.